

**Home Education Advisory Council**  
**Minutes—April 12, 2011**

Chairman Abbey Lawrence called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:45 p.m. in Room 15 of Londergan Hall in Concord, New Hampshire.

**Members Present:** Michael Benik, Representative Ralph Boehm, Marc Boyd, Michael Compitello Abbey Lawrence, Keith Pfeifer, Representative Joseph Pitre, and Roberta Tenney.

**Visitors present:** Jane Grady.

**Minutes:** The Council approved the March 8, 2011 meeting minutes by general consent.

**Chairman's Report:**

- Abbey will appear before the State Board of Education on April 13 to present the annual Council report.
- All Council members now receive a complimentary electronic copy of the NHHHC bi-monthly newsletter, *The NHHHC News*.
- Abbey reported that homeschooled students who wish to enlist in the military upon high school graduation are classified as "Tier II" recruits: students who hold secondary school diplomas other than those issued by public or private high schools. Homeschooled students who want to enlist in the military immediately after high school graduation should contact the branch of the military in which they are interested to verify the credentials, documentation, or assessments required to enlist as Tier I recruits.

**Rules Subcommittee Report:** Michael Compitello reported that the subcommittee has made good progress in revising the rules.

- Revisions caused by passage of HB 406, SB 18, HB 87, and HB 337 are completed.
- In behalf of the subcommittee, Michael requested input from the Council about notification procedures for homeschooling programs that continue after a student's eighteenth birthday. The sense of the Council was that, since RSA 193-A does not contain notification procedures for programs continuing after a student's eighteenth birthday, neither should the rules. Roberta said that if participating agents ask about homeschooling programs for students older than eighteen that the Department would inform them they may acknowledge these programs.
- The subcommittee is working on the due process language in Ed 315.05.
  - The phrase "thereby denying the establishment of the homeschooling program" in Ed 315.05(12),(b) exceeds the scope of RSA 193-A and was deleted.
  - The subcommittee requested Council input about whether the rules should assign to the Commissioner of Education the duty to notify participating agents regarding the result of a due process hearing. The sense of the Council was that Ed 315 should not contain requirements or duties not included in RSA 193-A.
  - Ed 315.17(d)-(e) will be replaced by the form language used in Ed 206.03(b)-(c) while still adhering to the timeframes in the homeschooling law.

- The subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 14. Michael thinks that the revisions should be complete after the next meeting. Once the revisions are complete, Michael would like Abbey to schedule a meeting with Stephen Berwick and Mary Mayo to review the due process language for consistency with Ed 206.

**Department of Education Report:** Roberta reported that she receives several calls or emails every week asking about homeschooling. She reported that 23% of the students taking courses at VLACS are homeschoolers.

**Legislative Report:** Representative Pitre reported that subcommittee members for HB 301, HB 545, and HB 595 have not been assigned.**New Business:**

*Council Terms:* Council terms for Michael Compitello and Barrett Christina end in June 2011.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Grady  
(substituting for Dennis Wyman)